

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 492
By Rice

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Theodore G. White, Jr., on
being named the 1996 Montgomery County
Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is important that the elected representatives of this state honor those distinguished Tennesseans who have given selflessly of their time and remarkable talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Theodore G. White, Jr., is one such person, who for his service to others is the 1996 recipient of the prestigious William O. Beach Award, given annually to the person recognized as the Montgomery County Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a retired high school principal and active community volunteer, Mr. White was nominated for the award by Wally Crain, president of the Hilldale Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crain cited Theodore White's admirable work as a role model in Montgomery County, whose "positive attitude and ability to influence the youth of the area has enabled Mr. White to make significant contributions to the community"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White's storied career began in 1960 as an assistant principal at Burt High School. In 1968 he became the school's principal, beginning an administrative career that led him to similar positions at three other schools before his retirement from Northwest High School in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Theodore White has contributed his time and immense talent to the Clarksville-Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association and the Hilldale Kiwanis. He also

participates in health fairs, the Great American Smokeout and other events sponsored by the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White is also active with Austin Peay State University's W.N. Daniel Cultural Center, and was on the search committee named to find a new director for the Center; and

WHEREAS, he has been the deserving recipient of numerous awards, including the W.N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center's 1995 Community Service Award; was recognized in 1992 by American Legion Post #143 for social development and progress in the Black Community; received the 1992 Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service to the citizenry of Clarksville; was honored for 30 years of service to the Clarksville-Montgomery County school system; and received the 1989 Black Achievers Award, given annually by the Kappa Rho chapter of AKA fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the name Theodore G. White, Jr., is synonymous with intelligence, professionalism and equanimity, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mr. Theodore G. White, Jr., on being named the 1996 Montgomery County Citizen of the Year, and we extend to him our best wishes for much continued prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. White with this final clause omitted from such copy.